

# ENGLANDS Timely Warning-piece.

Or, The wonderfull Prophecies of *Bishop Usher*, *Mr. William Lilly*, *Dr. Partridge*, and *Dr. Gadbury*, Predicting great and strange Alterations to befall this Climate of *England* very shortly; with the Judgment of *Mr. Lilly* concerning that great and three-fold Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* this year 1682, and concerning the late Comet, the wonderful Flaming sword, the great Floods, the two Eclipses of the Moon on the 11th of *February* past the other on the 8th of *August*, of the barbarous cruelties in *France*, of the Blazing star seen lately in *Germany*, and of several strange wonders as *Mr. Lilly* writ of several years ago. These things being found in his study since his Decease. Written by *James Seal*, Licensed according to Order.

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**C**hristian Reader, whosoever thou art that readeth these strange Wonders, let me intreat thee to take Notice by them, and to remember they are the Beacons of the Almighty, which are set on fire to forewarn us of approaching danger; these remarkable Signs Thousands can testify the truth of them, and I hope there is none that heareth or readeth them but will take Notice by it.

## A New Table of several strange Signs and Wonders.

**T**he first was of an unusual Prodigy of three Suns that was seen in most part of *England*, being seen in the Firmament to get the upper-hand of each other, and in a small time they vanished; this is called by Philosophers a *Parilly*, which after the last three Suns as was seen, was a little before *Queen Mary* began her bloody Reign, and in the late Wars in 44, not since until on the 23d of *January* 1681.

The second wonderful Sign as was seen, was on the 4th of *December* 1681, of a fiery flaming sword that was seen in several parts in the West of *England*, and in *South-Wales*, in *Carmarthen*, and in the County of *Cornwall*, and in other parts beyond the Seas, as many Seamen can testify; This flaming sword pointing to the Earth, and sometimes it show'd as if it moved and shaked towards the Earth, until the Clouds interposed between that and us as hindered them from the sight of it; it continued for half an hour visible, and then vanished quite away: 'tis observed that the like prodigy was seen before *Jerusalem* was destroyed, where there hapened such a Famine in the Land, but specially in the City of *Jerusalem*, that the women was forc'd to eat their own Children, as you may read at large in the History of *Iosephus*.

The third strange Prodigy, is of two Armies that was seen to engage against each other in the Firmament over the City of *Exeter* in *Devonshire* on the 27th of *December* 1680, the one Army coming from the North of Heaven and the other from the South, they continued for some two houres visible fighting, the North Army was worsted, and there were heard the noise of wounded men as they suppos'd in the Ayr after the Battel was ended. This is observed the like Prodigy was seen before the breaking out of the late Rebellion, and not since, till now, which from the like Good Lord deliver us.

Fourthly, Since the last Armies was seen in the Ayr, we have an Account from *France* of the barbarous cruelties as is acted by those cruel and unmercifull Papists on the poor Protestants in *France*, where they have invented new ways of torments: As by putting their feet into scalding Water, and by wedging their Fingers into Auger-holes, and by burning their Tongues with Red-hot Irons, and also of their barbarous cruelties to several women, but especially to a Protestant Lady living in *Paris* the chief City in *France*, whom those Jesuits and Fryers solicited to renounce her Faith, and to relaps from her Religion, to which she replied unto them, As she had lived in the Protestant Faith, so was she resolved to die in the same: No sooner had she spoke those words, but those cruel Papists (being only Pretenders to Religion) fell a beating, striking, kicking, and treading on her body, infomuch that the Child fell from her body alive, which they flung about the street till they had murdered the same, so those poor Protestants are served in *France* for professing the true Protestant Religion, which from such-like cruelties good Lord deliver us, and all that trust in him.

5th. In *January* last 1681, we have an Account from *Flanders*, *Holland*, and *Zealand* of a very great and unusual Inundations of the Sea, which by the slightness of the Banks as they had there, which was nothing but Wood knock'd in with Stakes very slightly, the water broke them down, and ran into the Country. a vast great way, drowned many thousands of Cattel, and



their Hay and Corn was drove away, and many thousands lost their lives before they could fly for succor, it coming so swift upon them as there was nothing to be seen but the tops of Churches; *Flanders* being low and *Zealand* together, and was first gotten out of the Sea, they thought they should never get their Country again: It being nothing but what is testified by several Seamen, and others.

7th. A great Earthquake lately hapned at *Stow Market* in *Suffolk* which was accompanied with such claps of Thunder and Lightning and a storm of hail, that some of them were 5 or 6 inches in circumference, and some as big as Turkey eggs, which has destroyed much Corn and other things that 40000 l. will not repair it.

8th. Concerning the late Comet which appeared to us in *December*, 1681, it appeared to us in *England*, in *Capricorn* near unto the body of the Sun, being of a very great swiftness moving four Degrees in 24 houres and lessned its Motion towards the end to one Degree and fifty five Minutes in twenty four houres, its stream at first appears pointed a little to the North, afterwards Eastward; so having no more to say of it, but to refer you to large Writers, as *Mr. Lilly's Anglicus* for this Year 1682, where is a large Note of its Motion from the beginning to the end, only I will tell you as it was a Saturnine Comet, so I dare say it will have Saturnine and dismall Effects; from which good Lord deliver us.

9th. Something concerning the Conjunction of the two Superiors *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, which (according to the Tables of *Mr. Thomas Street*) will be celebrated on the 23d of *October* 1682 in a fiery Trygon in and about twenty Degrees of *Leo* the ascendant of *Rome*, and it hath alwaies been attended with memorial Changes both in Church and State; This being the 8th time of their meeting in the fiery Trygon since the Creation of the World, and was attended alwaies with great Prodigies in the Heaven, and Alteration on Earth, and it will have great signification to those places that have *Leo* for their horoscope. I would speak more of it, but I have not room here to insert it, only I'll tell you it signifyeth no ill to *England*, in regard it falls in Trine to *Aries*, *Englands* Ascendant,

but violent and raging Diseases must be expected, from which Good Lord deliver us.

10. Those two great Eclipses of the Moon, the first being on the 11th of *February* and was total and almost central, and the second will hapen on the 8th of *August*, at five houres 55 minutes, mane, but invisible to us: This threatens the Earth (with her Inhabitants) either with the Plague, or some very great Mortality, with dearth of Corn; It denotes the ruin of ancient buildings, and division and hatred amongst the Professors of Religion, high winds and Tempest at Sea, and very dangerous Sayling: It denotes

the destruction of Fishes, and over-flowing of Rivers, and hath a very bad signification, according to the famous *Mr. Lilly* in his *Merlini Anglici*.

This Moneth the two Superiors are enjoin'd,  
And in the fiery Trygon are combin'd:  
They're meeting still, great Changes doth foreshow,  
To hapen in the Regions here below.

*Mr. Lilly* in his *Ephemeris* in 1655, hath these Prophetical Expressions, which are now very near their Period, and doth in a prophetical manner predict his own Death.

In the Year of eighty three, great changes there will be,  
That thou poor *Merlin* ne'st shalt live to see.

Also *Mr. Gadbury* and *Mr. Partridge* have written very dubiously and strange, as may be seen in their Annual Books this year 1682.

*Mr. Partridge* writeth concerning the French Kings death and hath given his Judgment at large, as may be seen in his *Mercurius Caelestis*, 1682.

Also *Mr. Gadbury* in the latter end of his *Dyary* or *Almanack* for this year 1682, hath these Mistic Verses

*Geneva* Jiggs shall disagree,  
And days turn'd into weeks shall be,  
So into months and years at last,  
Just Judges shall their madnest cast.

Comets are dreadful Objects to mens eyes,  
God's angry warning, heavenly Ravities  
That still proclaim Gods wrath, and Kingdoms woe,  
Plagues, or great Sicknes, bloody Wars also;  
According to *Mr. Lilly* in his Annual books.

Also the Right Reverend *Bishop Usher* did prophecy of several strange Events, which some have come to pass & some have not, he prophesied of the Massacre in *Ireland*, & several years before it came to pass, and also of the death of King *Charles* the First, and of another Massacre here in *England* now by the Papists.

God hath not made Caelestial works in vain,  
But in them power and vertue great remain,  
They cause effects on Earth, by them we know  
That God is working Changes here below.

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